

### ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

**[0059]** A system and method for judging a paper jam condition in a device, such as an image forming apparatus, including the steps of checking a feed sensor unit, operating a timer, and if it is judged that the feed sensor unit is switched to an “ON” state, calculating a value  $T_1$  for a fuse lamp drive unit of the apparatus to be in an “ON” state. The system and method then directs a comparison of the value  $T_1$  with a reference value  $T_2$ , and judges a paper jam condition exists and aborts a printing operation if the value  $T_1$  is out of an error range of the  $T_2$ . The paper jam condition is detected through the use of a feed sensor unit and monitoring of the fuser control, therefore a discharge sensor unit is not required at a discharging side of the image forming apparatus for sensing the paper jam condition.